

THE
SIXTY-FIFTH REPORT

OF THE
VISITING JUSTICES

OF THE
County Lunatic Asylum, at Hanwell.



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Middlesex.

TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX IN GENERAL
QUARTER SESSION ASSEMBLED.

*The SIXTY-FIFTH REPORT of the VISITING
JUSTICES appointed to Superintend the Manage-
ment of THE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM AT
HANWELL.*

THE short interval which has elapsed since the Visiting Justices presented their Annual Report leaves them but little to say upon the present occasion. Every day proves more clearly that a system founded upon undeviating kindness is the right system to be pursued in the control of the insane; and as the machinery, by being better understood and appreciated, is becoming gradually more easy in its working, little else is left, upon these intermediate occasions, to Report, but a continuance of the same success, a result which may reasonably be expected, so long as the Officers of the Asylum are animated by the same zeal which they have hitherto displayed in the discharge of their respective duties. The credit of the work belongs to them. The continuance of success in this great experiment must be due to the same zeal and good judgment which overcame so many obstacles at its commencement.

The Visiting Justices mentioned in their last Report, that all the works directed at the April and the July Sessions had been completed, with the exception of the Well and the erection of the Gas-House. The latter is now finished, and on Monday, the 2nd instant, the whole Establishment was, for the first time, lighted with Coal Gas, which the Committee expect will be found to give increased light at a diminished expense, and to give a much more cheerful appearance to the Wards than when they were lighted with Oil Gas. The Visiting Justices, however, have to regret that they are disappointed in the expectation expressed by them of being enabled to report the completion of the Well. This work, so essential to the wants of the Asylum, has been impeded by an unforeseen accident, but which difficulty has now in a great measure been overcome, at much additional expense to the Contractor, and the Committee feel no doubt but that they will be in a situation to Report at the next Quarter Session the completion of this Work. They annex hereto a statement of the cost of the several Works executed under the authority of the Court up to the present time.

The reduction in the price of Provisions in the last Contracts led the Committee to hope that they might be able to lower the weekly rate for the maintenance of each Patient. They have now the pleasure of stating to the Court that this hope has been realised, and that they have reduced the rate to be paid from the 1st instant for each Patient chargeable to any Parish or place in this County, from 9s. 0½d. to 8s. 5½d. per week.

The Visiting Justices, at the recommendation of the Resident Physician, who, in his Third Report, expressed his

belief that the substitution of Irish Stew for Soup on one day in the week would be beneficial, and conducive to the health of the Patients, have caused that variation to be made in the Dietary (vide page 13 of the last Annual Report), the additional cost amounting to no more than £1 12s. 0½d. per week.

At this season it has been customary to afford some additional amusements to the Patients, and this year it has been accompanied by the same pleasing results. The Entertainment to the Female Patients was given on New Year's Eve, and that to the Male Patients on the 6th instant. On both occasions nothing was seen but cheerfulness and decorum, and at the close of the amusements, which presented a picture of the most touching description, the Patients calmly and cheerfully retired to rest, soothed and gratified by the innocent enjoyments of the evening.

CHAS. AUG. TULK,

19th January, 1843.

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Dr. QUARTERLY ACCOUNT from 1st October to 31st December, 1842. Cr.

1842.		£	s.	d.	1842.		£	s.	d.
Sept. 30.	To Balance of Cash at this date	1,681	12	9	Dec. 31.	By Cash paid sundry Trades-			
Dec. 31.	To Cash received from Parishes 4,247 16 0					men's Bills and other Dis-			
	To ditto for County Treasurer	667	12	2		bursements to this date	4,643	6	1
	for Lunatic Vagrants			4915 8 2		Balance—At Messrs. Twinings	1,439	11	9
						In hand	514	3	1
									1,953 14 10
									£6,597 0 11
1842.		£	s.	d.	1842.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.	To Balance of Cash this day..	1,953	14	10	Dec. 31.	By Amount of Tradesmen's Bills, Salaries			
	To amount due from Parishes 4,830 6 0					of Officers, Wages of Servants, &c. due			
	To ditto from County Treasurer	688	0	4		at this date	5,758	4	8
	for Lunatic Vagrants			5,518 6 4		Surplus	1,713	16	6
									£7,472 1 2

Hamvell, 17th January, 1843. (Errors excepted.) J. MORRISON, Accountant.

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PATIENTS ADMITTED, DISCHARGED, AND DEAD,

Quarter ending 31st December, 1842.

		Males	Females	Total.
Patients in the Asylum on 30th September, 1842		390	546	936
Admitted during the Quarter		32	20	52
		422	566	988
	Males. Females.			
Cured.....	6 11			
Discharged Relieved.....	2 4			
Died	8 10			
		16	25	41
Remaining in the Asylum on 31st December, 1842		406	541	947
Daily Average Number of Patients.....				943

PATIENTS EMPLOYED,

Quarter ending 31st December, 1842.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Garden and Agriculture	80	Garden	—
Helpers in the Wards	48	Laundry	64
Repicking Coir.....	12	Kitchen and Dairy	28
Store Room, Kitchen, and		Helpers in the Wards	23
Engine-house	14	Repicking Coir	61
Tailors	10	Needlework	220
Shoemakers	14		
Upholstery Room	6		
Bricklayers	2		
Painters.....	2		
Carpenters	12		
Employed.....	200	Employed.....	396
Unemployed.....	180	Unemployed.....	521
Sick	26	Sick	30
Total in Asylum (as above)	406	Total in Asylum (as above)	947
Males	406		
Females	541		
Total	947		

J. MORRISON, *Accountant.*

CONTRACT PRICES of the Principal Articles of Consumption in the Hanwell Lunatic Asylum,
for the Quarter of the Year ending 31st of December, 1842.—The Articles are delivered at the
Asylum free of Carriage.

Ox Beef, entirely free from Bone	0	5	10
Prime Wether Mutton, the whole Carcase (<i>without head, shanks, or inside suet</i>) per stone	0	5	10
Beef and Mutton Suet, (<i>equal proportions</i>)	0	5	10
Flour	1	18	6
Malt	2	13	0
Oatmeal	0	15	6
Cheese	2	13	0
Butter	4	11	0
Tea	0	4	2
Sugar (Lump)	3	4	0
Sugar (Raw)	4	4	0

CHARLES WRIGHT,

Clerk to the Committee.

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM.



A LIST of all Sums for the Payment of which Orders have been made on the County Treasurer, under the authority of the 33rd Section of the Act of the 9th Geo. 4th, cap. 40, since the last Quarter Session.

	£	s.	d.
James Morrison, advances to Workmen	366	11	7
Westwood and Moore, Fire Bricks, &c.....	3	2	0
William Shelden, Machine Oil.....	2	14	0
Edward Beck, Lime, Cement, Bricks, &c.....	193	0	5
Cornelius Leggett, Smith's Work	7	19	11
Harriett Ratliff, Furniture	7	19	0
Thomas Van and Son, Canvas	12	12	9
Samuel Cooper, Lime	5	0	0
H. Bridges, Matting.....	3	18	0
Richard Loader, Furniture	5	5	0
P. Hayes, Brass Cocks.....	3	6	0
William Terry, Painting Materials, &c.	110	7	8
James Mariner, River Sand.....	7	10	0
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Tracts	2	1	3
W. and S. Wright, Bricks	3	4	0
John Smith, Rope and Flax Tow	5	5	8
Charles Robinson, Iron Castings and Engineer's Work	57	9	5
Cormack and Co., Grass Seeds	3	12	0

	£	s.	d.
William Tucker, Ironmongery and Tin.	16	10	8
John Wade, Gas Fittings.....	3	11	0
Charles Macintosh & Co., Repairing Air Beds..	0	10	0
George Reynell, Advertisements and Papers....	9	17	4
Edward Suter, Account Books	7	5	6
George Stacey, Iron Castings.....	6	6	0
George Simpson, Cutlery	9	10	9
T. M. Bowden, Baskets	13	17	6
Chubb and Son, Locks and Keys	3	6	0
Bailey, Pegg, and Co., Iron Pipes	9	11	9
George Chad, Carriage of Goods	16	2	9
Elizabeth Farmer, Ironmongery and Cutlery ..	78	13	0
C. F. Seyfang, Printing and Account Books....	24	8	0
Jackson and Graham, Floor Cloth.....	1	16	9
William Crosby, Paper Hangings	4	2	2
Charles Sims, Fire Bricks	12	10	6
F. Davis, Zinc Work	61	2	6
Russell and Sons, Iron Pipes	6	4	1
Society of Apothecaries, Medical Utensils	4	2	0
Richards and Sons, Bottles	4	1	0
T. Richards and Co., Leech Vase	0	7	0
John Morgan, Turnery, Casks, &c.....	15	5	6
Pontifex and Wood, Sheet Lead.....	0	8	8
Walking and Wheatley, Earthenware and Glass.	16	15	5
James Andrews, Paper Hangings	2	3	6
H. F. Turner, Feathers.....	21	18	8
P. and M. A. Norbury, Periodicals and Sta- tionery	4	12	4
Charles Gray, Gas Fittings	4	17	2
Edward Westbrook, Bricks	56	6	6
J. A. Abbott, Window Glass and Lead	77	9	10

	£	s.	d.
Charles Roope, Bedding, &c.	168	15	8
James Montgomery, Timber ...	150	14	7
John Faulkner, Ironmongery and Cutlery	57	15	2
James Harris, Superintending Repairs of the Asylum	6	5	0
Thomas Clark, Preparing a Report and Plan and for Attendances as to obtaining a supply of Water in 1840	7	10	0
James Morrison, Advances to Workmen	208	1	0
Ditto Ditto	173	15	5
Regent's Canal Company, Half-a-year's Water Rent to Michaelmas	70	0	0
James Morrison, Advances to Workmen	131	6	6

CHARLES WRIGHT,

Clerk to the Committee.

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM.

BUILDING ACCOUNT:

To Balance of Amount granted by the Court at Michaelmas Session, 1840	£	s.	d.
To Amount granted by the Court at April Session 1842	66	6	9
Ditto	4,000	0	0
at June Session, 1842	1,500	0	0
£5,566	6	9	

1842.	£	s.	d.
By cost of Washhouse, Laundry, Drying Yards and Female Airing Court	868	0	9
New Oven.....	122	1	4
Foul Linen Houses	276	1	10
Improvements in Warming.....	187	19	5
Supply of Hot Water to Baths	87	0	2
Additional Female Airing Court and accommodation in Western Basement	353	13	1
Gas Works	1,353	14	11
By payment to Mr. Brunel for Professional Services	22	0	0
_____ to Messrs. Allen & Co., for Law Charges.....	39	6	2
_____ to the Contractor on account of the Well	255	0	0
_____ to Mr. Harris, for superintending the Works	60	0	0
Balance.....	1,941	9	1
£5,566	6	9	

CHARLES WRIGHT, Clerk to the Committees.

TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, IN GENERAL QUARTER
SESSION ASSEMBLED.

*The TWELFTH REPORT of MESSRS. ALLEN,
GYLBY & ALLEN, of Carlisle Street, Soho-
Square, Attorneys at Law.*

MESSRS. ALLEN & Co. have to Report, that in consequence of Notices received by them since the County day of the last Quarter Session, they have attended before Magistrates at the Metropolitan Police Courts and in Petty Sessions in 20 cases—that in one case the Lunacy was not established—in 10 others, either the Magistrates refused to make orders on the County Treasurer, or the applications against the County were, after investigation, abandoned, it appearing that settlements might be discovered; and that in the remaining nine cases the Paupers were adjudged County Patients.

Messrs. Allen & Co., have also to Report, that they have discovered and adjudicated the settlement of William London, a Criminal Lunatic, who was admitted into the Asylum on the 11th of October last, under the Warrant of Secretary Sir James Graham.

Messrs. Allen & Co.'s Bill for attending at the Police Courts and Petty Sessions in the 20 cases, and for tracing out evidence in most of them, amounts to the sum of £27

13s. 4d., and their charges for discovering and adjudicating the settlement of the Criminal Lunatic William London—for defending an Appeal, which was ultimately abandoned, by Saint James, Westminster, against an order obtained at the instance of the Overseers of St. Giles in the Fields, adjudicating the settlement of James Lightfoot (a Patient in the Asylum), and for protecting the interests of the County in the cases of John Thomas Whitsun, and Jane Plummer (also Patients in the Asylum), are £18 13s.

All which they submit, &c.

ALLEN, GYLBY & ALLEN.

19th January, 1843.